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from 17 November to 5 December 1997

Corrigendum

PUBLIC MEETINGS

The present document contains the corrections received from members of the Committee, delegations and the Secretariat applying to the English text of the summary records of the public meetings of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights at its seventeenth session (E/C.12/1997/SR.27-32, 33-41, 42, 43, 44, 46-49 and 54/Add.1).

The Committee also held 10 closed meetings, the summary records of which (E/C.12/1997/SR.32/Add.1, 41/Add.1, 43/Add.1, 45, 49/Add.1 and 50-54) were issued in restricted distribution. The corrections to the records of the closed meetings appear in document E/C.12/1997/SR.27-54/Add.1/Corrigendum/Add.1, which was also issued in restricted distribution.

With the issuance of the corrigenda (E/C.12/1997/SR.27-54/Add.1/Corrigendum and Add.1), the summary records of the meetings held by the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights at its seventeenth session are to be considered final.

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29th meeting

Paragraph 51

Line 5: replace its citizens by the children of Haitians born in the Dominican Republic

Line 8: for centuries read decades

36th meeting

Paragraph 3, line 9

Delete the

Paragraph 4, line 5

After Britain insert, with necessary variations

Paragraph 5

Line 6: replace teacher training by the initial training of teachers

Line 8: after targets insert , the Invest in People Scheme and Back to Work policies

Paragraph 8, line 3

After programmes. insert The United Kingdom had implemented policies and programmes, and where necessary legislation, in the field of economic, social and cultural affairs for many years. The domestic objects had been consistent with those in the Covenant. But priorities changed, and so did the direction in which - and the enthusiasm with which - different Governments addressed their responsibilities.

Paragraph 9, line 1

Before inaugurated insert announced and

Paragraph 11, line 5

Replace employment by work

Paragraph 13, line 1

After office insert of Minister for Public Health

Paragraph 44, line 10

Delete as white papers

Paragraph 46

Lines 8 to 14 should read

wording of some articles (article 9 was a case in point) did not really lend itself to passage into such law. Even when the Bill of Rights was enacted, the position would not be the same as in those countries which had a constitutional court. For the case in which a higher court in the United Kingdom considered an act of parliament incompatible with the Bill of Rights, the Government was proposing to adopt a shortened parliamentary procedure to correct such an incompatibility. That procedure was necessary because no court in the

Last line: for optional protocol to the Convention read proposed optional protocol to the Covenant

Paragraph 47

Delete the last sentence.

Paragraph 48, line 3

After Covenant was insert , in general,

Paragraph 56, line 6

Replace Constitution of Ireland Act by Northern Ireland Constitution Act

Paragraph 57, line 7

Replace government order by Order

Paragraph 66

Lines 6 and 7: replace social security allowances by income-related benefits

Last sentence: replace the existing text by the following:

The bereavement allowance in the tax system was available only to widows and applied in the year of death and the following year. However, it represented only a small sum.

37th meeting

Paragraph 8

Line 8 should read

while the Careers Service could help, most sought help from Job Centres, which would

38th meeting

Paragraph 2

Line 4: after and that insert in all cases

Line 9: after fiancé. insert But the application should not involve any new public expense.

Line 10: delete excessively

Lines 11 and 12: delete he would point out that

Paragraph 4, line 3

After relatives insert , including dependent children,

Paragraph 6

Line 3: after violence were insert no doubt

Line 6: replace Over 6,000 by More than 20,000

Line 6: for 1996 read 1995

Paragraph 8, line 1

For Ms. Thorne read Dr. Thorn

Paragraph 16, line 1

For Ms. Thorne read Dr. Thorn

Paragraph 17

Line 3: replace for services by to monitor services

Line 4: replace to look after children by for children in care

Paragraph 18, line 10

Replace Remedy was available on appeal by An appeal against refusal could be made

Paragraph 19, lines 1 and 2

Replace lone parents, and particularly lone parents' dependants, receiving benefits by lone parents receiving benefits, particularly lone parents dependent on social assistance,

Paragraph 36

Line 2: after support. insert That was a long-standing problem.

Line 7: replace In a trial conducted by the Government by As part of research sponsored by the Government some time ago

Paragraph 39

Replace the existing text by the following:

39. A member of the Committee had referred to homelessness affecting the most vulnerable, such as children, the aged and the disabled. That formulation appeared to be something of a fixed text in the Committee and it did nothing to clarify the problems of people who, for one reason or another, were disadvantaged. As regards the number of homeless in 1995, the figures did not reflect the fact that a large proportion were probably housed in temporary accommodation. Homelessness did not necessarily mean ruthlessness.

Paragraph 44

Line 4: replace new age hippies by New Age Travellers

Line 8: replace took care of by dealt with matters relating to

Line 10: replace asked by able

Paragraph 45

Line 4: after programme insert in England and Wales

Line 9: before 20 per cent insert about

Line 11: before 90 per cent insert about

Paragraph 46, line 3

Replace Africans and Asians by those of Afro-Caribbean and Asian origin

Paragraph 47, line 2

Replace provisions by developments

Paragraph 52

The first four lines should read

52. Dr. Thorn (United Kingdom) said that the operation of the National Health Service (NHS) was being examined with a view to making adjustments to improve the way in which it functioned while preserving the best and most successful elements of the service. Publication of a White Paper on the NHS was expected soon. Any tendency towards a "two tier" phenomenon could be overcome in the future. She had no precise figures either for heart disease or for

Line 13: replace in the wake by at about the time

Paragraph 55

Line 3 should read

and an additional £300 million had been allocated to the NHS. Particular attention would

Line 6: before waiting time insert waiting lists and

Paragraph 56

Lines 2 and 3 should read

the country. The worldwide overall incidence was similar, at approximately one case per 1 million population per year. Measures had been launched to

Line 6: replace £33,000 million by £35,948 million, or 5.5 per cent of GDP

Paragraph 66

Line 9: after included insert the setting of literacy targets,

Line 13: replace reliance on 200 by use of 200 literacy

Paragraph 69

Line 7 should read

high-powered body with the Speaker of the House of Commons as its patron. The fact

Paragraph 70, line 2

For Miss read Mrs.

Paragraph 71

Line 3: replace African, Caribbean by Afro-Caribbean

Line 4: replace minority group by ethnic minority pupil

Line 9: replace standards of breach by rewards for good behaviour

Line 12: replace did not hesitate by had the power